

Sunday 15 December 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

'A vibrant worshipping church, learning and growing together,
 welcoming all, sharing God's love whilst serving our community'

"Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord" Ephesians 6:7

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PARISH PRAYERS

We pray for the sick and distressed mentioned in our prayer book.
 We pray for all whose year's mind anniversary occurs around this time.

NOTICES

This year we are doing a **Posada** - during advent our figures travel around the local area staying one night at each house. As the characters move on each day, why not stop for a brew and a chat as our figures are passed on to the next person. There are still spaces left on the list so please join in and help Mary, Joseph and their donkey on a journey round our community. More details at the back of church.

This year, why not do a '**Reverse Advent Calendar**'? While enjoying your daily treat from your usual advent calendar, think also about those less fortunate in our local area. Each day, put aside one item for person in need – this can be anything from food to toiletries or a small gift. By December 24th you will have a box full of things to help out a local family. Full instructions are available at the back of church.



Today's Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Next Week: Matthew 1: 18-25

Are you up for the challenge to fill the jar at the back of church with 10p, 5p, 2p and 1p coins before Christmas!

THIS WEEK (15 December 2019)

Reader: C Hull
 Isaiah 35: 1-10
 James 5: 7-10
 Intercessor: A M Robinson
 Sidespersons: B Trigg, P Ovenden
 PCC Duty: A Mooney, C Wilkinson
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg
 Coffee: A Gibb, P Clarke
 Sacristan: B Trigg

WHAT'S ON

The indoor **Bowling Group** meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm til 4.00pm in the Parish Centre main hall.

Share IT would like donations of milk, cereal, disposable razors, small cartons of juice and sachets of drinking chocolate/ coffee. In addition, ready for our Christmas hampers small tubes of toothpaste and packets of 12 or 24 Weetabix.

Services this week:

Sunday 10.00am: Family Eucharist
 Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer
 Wednesday 10.30am: Eucharist (Traditional)
 Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer
 Friday 10.00am: Holy Communion (common worship)

NEXT WEEK (22 December 2019)

Reader: P Ovenden
 Isaiah 7: 10-16
 Romans 1: 1-7
 Intercessor: P Eccles
 Sidespersons: P Clarke, A Lonsdale
 PCC Duty: J Patten, A Gibb
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg
 Coffee: J Wood, O Laurie
 Sacristan: B Trigg



This Advent at St Margaret's...

18th December	7pm	Advent Course
22nd December	7pm	9 Lessons & Carols
24th December	4pm	Crib Service
24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25th December	10am	Christmas Day Communion

Future date for your diaries:

2nd February 2020 Christingle Service

